GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON MOBILE PHONES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate a law to ban the use of mobile phones in Hospitals and Nursing Homes:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the frequent use of mobile phones is dangerous to health;

(d) if so, whether the Government will set up an expert committee to look into the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the World Health Organization (WHO) is conducting research through international agency to identify links between use of mobile phones & its ill effects. However, according to published literature of WHO & other agencies, there is no conclusive evidence of adverse health effect of use of mobile phones on human beings. At present there is no proposal to formulate a law banning the use of mobile phones in hospitals and Nursing Homes.